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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Allan Evans, OIR
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SUBJECT : SIE-3: Embargo and Blockade against Communist China

REFERENCE : JIG Memo for DCI dated 28 December 1951

1. Subject estimate has been requested of the IAC by the Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff, on behalf of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

2. The scope and coverage of the estimate will be determined by the following questions specifically set forth in reference request:

- "a. What is the current status of the implementation of the embargo against Communist China?
- "b. What are the causes of less than 100 per cent implementation?
- "c. What measures might be taken to increase the efficiency of the embargo?
- "d. Estimate the capabilities of an embargo to bring pressure to bear on Communist China.
- "e. Estimate the capabilities of a sea blockade to increase the pressure on Communist China.
- "f. Estimate the effect of air attacks against rail communications and inland waterways further to increase this pressure.

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"g. Consider measures which the Communists would be likely to take to counter the effects of the actions in d, e, and f.

3. The present requirement in part includes points covered in the Supplement to TAB "A" of SE-20, published 31 December.

4. It is noted that the final estimate is to be produced in a form for possible exchange for [REDACTED] addressing 25X1C8a itself to the questions set forth in paragraph 2 above.

5. In order to agree on production responsibilities on this project, you are requested to send your representatives to meet with us at 10:00 Friday, January 4, in Room 146 South Building.

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Executive Secretary

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